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Fort Anne Heritage Tapestry unveiled on Canada Day

ANNAPOLIS ROYAL, NOVA SCOTIA, JULY 1, 1995 - The Fort Anne Heritage Tapestry, an immense needlepoint depicting over four centuries of local history, was unveiled today at Fort Anne National Historic Site in Annapolis Royal, Nova Scotia, by Mr. Harry Verran, MP for South West Nova, on behalf of Canadian Heritage Minister Michel Dupuy.

Designed by Nova Scotia artist Kioyoko Grenier-Sago, this intricately detailed tapestry was created to commemorate the 400-year history of Annapolis Royal and features the story of Fort Anne, one of the country's oldest national historic sites.

Funded and administered by Parks Canada, the Fort Anne Heritage Tapestry Project was formally launched in February, 1991, and completed in April, 1995. It has brought together over 100 volunteer stitchers from the many communities - including Mi'kmaq, Acadian and Black - who have played a part in the history of Annapolis Royal. The tapestry also includes a few stitches that were added by Her Majesty the Queen during her visit last summer to Nova Scotia.

Beginning in the summer of 1995, the completed tapestry will be on permanent display at the Officers' Quarters at Fort Anne National Historic Site.

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